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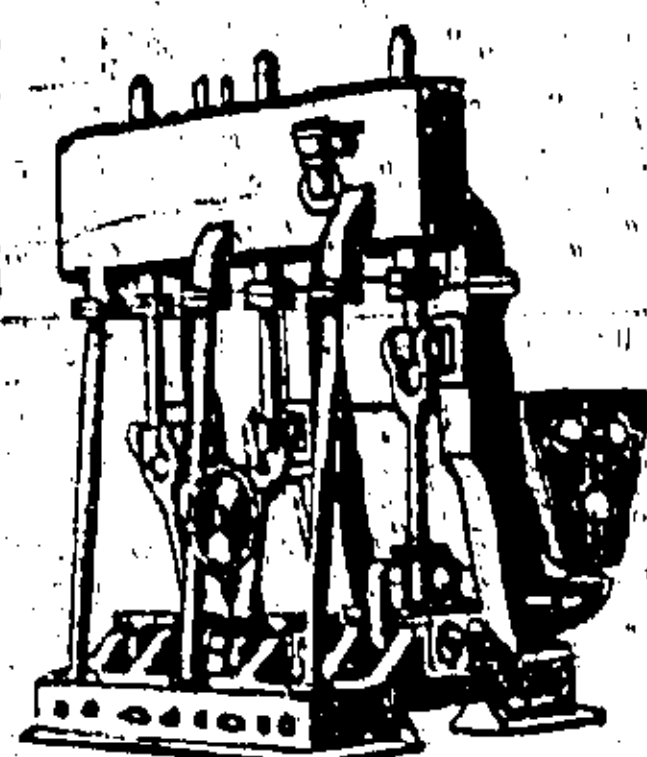
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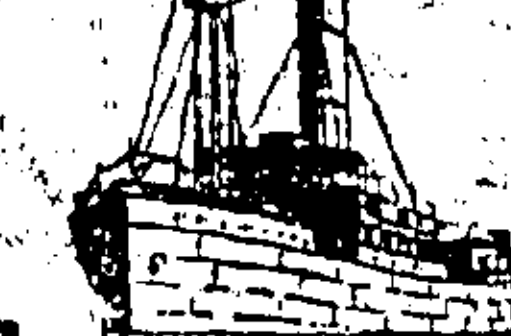
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STILL HAMMERING.
**ANOTHER ATTACK IN THE SCARPE
SECTOR.**

London, Aug. 28.
Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig
reports:

We again attacked astride the
Scarpe. The Canadians penetrated
deeply between the Somme and the
Scarpe and captured Cherisy, Vasson-
Artois, and Bo's-du-Sart, taking
many prisoners.

On the Canadians' right the Scots
crossed the Somme and seized Fon-
taineles-Croisilles, and established
themselves on the slopes southward
of the village, taking hundreds of
prisoners.

Other Scots took Roux, Green-
land Hill and Gavroelle.

English troops took Aftieux-en-
Gohelle and the old German line
southwards of it.

Between Croisilles and Bapaume
and southwards English and New
Zealand troops again heavily engaged
and repulsed many determined
counter-attacks inflicting heavy
casualties. Despite the enemy's
efforts, we stormed Beugnotte and
progressed at several points between
Beugnotte and Croisilles.

A BELGIAN ATTACK
ENEMY POSITIONS PENETRATED.

London, Aug. 28.
1.35 a.m.

A Belgian communiqué states—
After short artillery firing we at-
tacked last evening on a front of
three kilometres north and south of
the Langemarck railway and pen-
etrated enemy positions, despite stub-
born resistance and a counter-attack,
and reached and maintained all our
objectives, taking 90 prisoners.

**GERMAN RETREAT ON
THE AVRE.**

FRENCH SEIZE MORE POSITIONS.

London, Aug. 28.
3 a.m.

A French communiqué states—
Yielding to our continued pressure,
the enemy to-day was compelled to
increase his withdrawal on both sides
of the Avre. On a front of 20 kilo-
metres our troops are overcoming all
opposition and have realised an ad-
vance exceeding four kilometres at
certain points.

We hold the general line immedi-
ately west of Chaumes, Punghy,
Lancourt and Herpillieres.

We occupy Hallu, Fronsart,
Gremery, Grunzy, Corpeux, Roye,
Lancourt and Crapeau-Mesnil. We
took prisoners.

The artillery duel was lively in the
region of Lassigny and between the
Oise and the Aisne.

ENEMY STEADILY PRESSED BACK.

**STUBBORN RESISTANCE WITH
LONG-RANGE GUNS.**

London, Aug. 28.

Reuter's Correspondent at French
Headquarters, telegraphing this
evening, says—

The German rearguards, supported
by swarms of machine-guns, con-
tinued to resist desperately but are
steadily being pressed back.

The French reached the western
outskirts of Chaumes. To-day's at-
tack was extended to Chaumes and
Crapeau-Mesnil. The resistance
was particularly stubborn in the
regions of Chaumes and Arricourt.

The French occupied Chaumes
Wood after a lively struggle. The
enemy is everywhere using long-
range guns.

**BRITISH PROGRESS IN ALL
SECTORS.**

**RENEWED ATTACK NORTH OF
SOMME.**

COMPLETELY SUCCESSFUL.

London, Aug. 27.

Reuter's Correspondent at British
Headquarters, telegraphing this
evening, states—

A concerted attack, this morning,
by Australians and other British
troops, began at 4.45 on a front
of 8,000 yards, northward of the
Somme, and has been completely
successful. By ten o'clock we had
apparently overrun Monin-de-
Frigny, Maricourt, Bernafay and
Trones Wood.

We captured hundreds of prison-
ers. Not the least important of the
day's successes is the clearing of
Vaux Wood.

It is becoming increasingly clear
that our pressure is forcing the
enemy to expedite his retirement
far beyond his original intentions.
The talk of prisoners suggests that
rearguard fighting began on the night
of the 24th-25th and all enemy
attacks since have been of the nature
of delaying actions to cover with-
drawals.

There has been fighting at Le
Villie Wood, where the South Africans
died in the first Somme battle.

About six o'clock last evening a
determined counter-attack was
launched by the remains of the
117th German Division, which is
known to have lost 3,000 prisoners
since the 8th inst., irrespective of
other casualties. The Welshmen fell
back a short distance before the
weight of numbers and took up
positions between High Wood and
Bezant-Lagland.

Heavy and continuous aircraft
fire is reported about Maricourt,
thus indicating co-operation with the
infantry movement.

Southward of the Somme the
Australians are carrying out what
they call "penetral penetration,"
consisting of patrol staking which
is most demoralising to the harassed
enemy. Yesterday the Australians
advanced to Fontaine-Cuppy which
only a few days ago was the Ger-
man Divisional Headquarters. This
morning some Australian troops re-
ported to be six miles from Peronne.

Eastward of Arras, the battle which
began yesterday morning reached its
great intensity at night when the
enemy determinedly attempted to
oust us from the Wancourt spur.
He failed and has since steadily lost
ground. We gained valuable ground
at Bois-du-Vert and there is a report
not yet confirmed that we have cap-
tured Bois-du-Sart. Anyway, we
have overreached the point attained
during the long and bitter fighting
last year, and this morning our
troops are working towards Plouvain.

The enemy's artillery retaliation
is comparatively weak.

Croisilles still remains German,
and the sunken roads north and west
of it are strongly held by enemy
infantry. We are following the
policy of not forcing the pace by the
sacrifice of lives. The weather is
gloomy and for aircraft visibility
is bad.

GERMANS SPREADING PESSIMISM.

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 28.

The *Postische Rundschau*, review-
ing the battle, complains of the
increasing number of Germans
spreading pessimism and appeals to
Germany at home to encourage the
soldiers in the field.

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SCOTTISH NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CALCUTTA'S RIVALRY WITH DUNDEE.

An important, and in some respects startling speech was delivered to the members of the Dundee Chamber of Commerce by the President, Mr. George Bonar. Dealing with the way in which the war had affected the jute trades of Dundee and Calcutta, he said that India had been gradually waking up to its possibilities as an industrial country, and they might accept it that India was out to manufacture to the maximum extent possible the products of her rich soil. And after the war there would be abundant financial resources in India to permit of extension. Then while the cost of labour nearly everywhere had gone up to a great extent, in India it was very little over those current in pre-war days. The causes which had made for the increase of Calcutta's potentialities had acted in the opposite direction in the case of Dundee. In pre-war days, Dundee's cost of producing a ton of hessian was 2½ times that of Calcutta, to-day Dundee's costs were four times those of Calcutta, wages being almost entirely responsible for the difference. There did not seem to be any general remedy for this state of affairs, Mr. Bonar confessed. The reopening of the export trade would be a good help; the keeping of the Empire's jute free within the Empire and making others pay a duty would also be a good help. But, in spite of that, they would have all the time in front of them the fact that Calcutta would be a greater competitor to Dundee than ever before.

SCOTTISH EDUCATION.

The reception given to the second reading of the new Scottish Education Bill is so favourable that a smooth passage through its remaining stages may be safely prophesied. The principal change in its administrative clauses provides that, with the exception of half-a-dozen burghs, the county is to be the education area and the authority an *ad hoc* body. The cumulative vote as at present existing is universally condemned, and its place will be taken by a system of proportional representation—a great triumph for the advocates of P.R. The educational clauses enact that the normal age for full-time attendance at school shall be raised from 14 to 15, with a corresponding raising of the age at which exemption may be allowed. There is compulsory attendance at part time classes from the time of leaving the day school until they attain the age of 18, except where pupils have completed a full secondary school course at the age of 17. A third set of provisions is designed to prevent the exploitation of child labour in the interests of employers or parents.

In the course of the discussion the significant fact was disclosed that just before the war the total supply of educated men and women was inadequate to the needs of Scotland. The annual total output from the secondary schools was only 2,000, which was barely sufficient to meet the wants of the learned professions, leaving no margin for industry and commerce.

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land. In Fifeshire, especially, large tracts of country are given up to flax in response to the Government demand. The flax, of course, is required for making aeroplane wings and other important war materials, and the revolution in Russia has compelled us to fall back upon an industry which had fallen into disuse for many long years. Fully 900 women will be required to harvest the flax crop in Fifeshire, and as the work is looked upon as of a peculiarly patriotic nature, the full number will be easily obtained. The English flax harvest is about two or three weeks earlier than that of Scotland, and Scottish women will be sent to Somerset to get some experience of the work; they will then return to Scotland and "boos" the workers in Fife. Many of the Scots workers will come from Fife itself, but camps will be set up for the accommodation of the women who come from a distance. These camps will be modelled on the ones used in Perthshire during the fruit season.

THE HERRING.

The humble herring is being boomed on all sides. Professor D'Arcy Thomson, of the Scottish Fishery Board, is particularly active, and has aroused interest in this valuable food in quite "superior" circles. He has a way of mixing amusing facts with dry statistics which seems to tickle the public ear. For instance he tells how the epithet "great" was first applied to the industry by William of Orange, the "little" fishery of those days being no other than the whale fishery. Then he goes on to give some remarkable figures which show that the total area of the herring nets in use in Scotland, distributed among some 9,000 boats, is about 200,000,000 square yards—an area which would well-high cover London. He follows this up by stating that the complaint in England in the days of James the First was that we set out in search of whales, and let the Dutch come to our shores and find the herrings. And then he reminds us that history has been repeating itself, that we have allowed the Germans to fish our coasts to our great Imperial detriment.

SCOTLAND OF THE SCOTS.

George R. Blake, a young Greenockian, has brought back from the campaign in Gallipoli a new affection and a fresh vision for his native country. In "Scotland of the Scots" he has given us an honest and independent appreciation. The greatest frankness, and an absence of the sentimental "tosh" of the "perfidium ingenium" marks the book, which at times may waken the spirit of controversy. Though Glasgow, for instance, may not admit it, most readers will recognise the truth of the statement that "Clydesdale speech is coarse, slovenly, notoriously inelegant, complicated by the vernacular brought over by the numerous northern Irishmen who find employment in the shipyards. Its quintessence is spoken by the Glasgow keelfe (i.e. Gaelic-gillie-boy), who rebuked slowly but negligently, and with the falling inflection characteristic of the West."

Young Scotland, says the author again, is "spreading upwards, and its development is not always on the happiest lines."

The South, and particularly London, is the model for speech, manners, deportment, but it has not yet developed the powers of selection that would guarantee a proper choice. Musical comedy is preferred to opera, and Society weeklies to literature, while there are still prosperous merchants who are not ashamed to speak in dialect, their successors will imitate in an affected and unnatural English; and with these trivial tendencies are inconspicuously blended the harder traits of nationality. Briefly, young Scotland tends to the poorest brand of frivolity, a frivolity that is almost snobbish. It has put a wrong construction on modernism.

Of our drinking customs the author says they are the effects of a natural reaction of conditions on a people of deep passions. "It is a natural misfortune that whisky, not ale, is the national drink—but here again the re-energetic boys before the inevitable. Intemperance is doing in Scotland grievous harm, and, worst of all, there appears to exist no reasonable ground of optimism. But before long Mr. Blake may change his mind on that point. Sweden has, in a single generation, proved that alcoholism can be cured in a people, and there was in Scotland never so much ground for optimism in that respect as now."

We have quoted some unflattering parts of "Scotland of the Scots" to show that its author has a sensible and earnest idea of his task. Generally it is in quite a different vein to what we write of as that of our

institutions. It is startling to find a Lowlander, declare that musically and practically the Hebridean airs are "far in advance of the somewhat blattant songs of the Lowlands." He goes on—
"Compare 'The Seal Woman's Cry' with 'Here awa', there awa', the poignant 'Chimnald's Rattling Song' with the jiggling 'Oh ye'll tak' the high road and I'll tak' the low road.' The difference is fundamental; it is the difference of racial feeling, racial inspiration, racial art. Undoubtedly the Scottish songs have great basic beauty, but they have come down to us distorted by the influence of the ranting fiddle; the Hebridean songs have survived in their pure, simple form."

IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY.

Here is a true story that reads like romance. Sir Douglas Haig, who is 57, has a brother, John Haig, who is over 60. This Mr. John Haig, who is a mining engineer at a tale mine in Ontario, enlisted for the war, became a captain purely on his merits, and only after months in the trenches came across the Commander-in-Chief, who did not even know his brother was in the trenches.

THE LORD CHANCELLOR.

Lord Finlay is a courtly, striking-looking old gentleman with very shaggy eyebrows and a delightful Scots accent, says a popular Sunday newspaper. When at the bar he made it a practice to change every stitch of clothing when he returned from the Law Courts in the afternoon, holding the view that few things are more refreshing than an entire change of clothing. He began life as a doctor, following in the paternal footsteps, and graduated at Edinburgh University. But he forsook the pill-box for the brief, and rapidly secured an immense practice at the bar.

RE-MANUFACTURING WASTE PAPER.

An important industrial problem arising out of the war is that of the nation's paper supply. Through the drastic restriction of imports, particularly of raw materials, consequent upon the diversion of tonnage to the more immediate purposes of the war, few commodities have arisen so enormously in price. With the increased cost there is also scarcity, and, despite careful apportionment of available supplies, the position of the paper trade has been one of "increasing difficulty." Under the circumstances there is a pressing necessity that every possible home source of supply of raw material for the manufacture of paper should be vigorously and systematically exploited. The obvious home-produced material for this purpose is waste paper, and Mr. James Strachan, an analytical and advising chemist to a number of important paper-making concerns, has produced an important practical treatise on "The Recovery and Re-Manufacture of Waste Paper." It is rather surprising to learn that, except for the production of brown paper and cardboard, the employment of waste paper has always been viewed with disfavour by the British paper manufacturer. It is an example of our commercial conservatism that, before the war there was an extensive export trade in waste paper from our ports to America and the Continent, the raw material thus rejected by the British manufacturer returning from Germany as a manufactured article, with which the home industry found it exceedingly difficult to compete. The art of producing a fine white paper from old paper was of course known in this country long ago, and it is hoped that this treatise of Mr. Strachan will revive the manufacture in this country, and help to break down foolish manufacturing prejudices.

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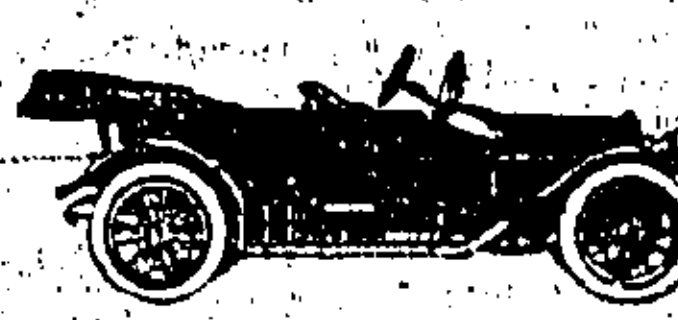
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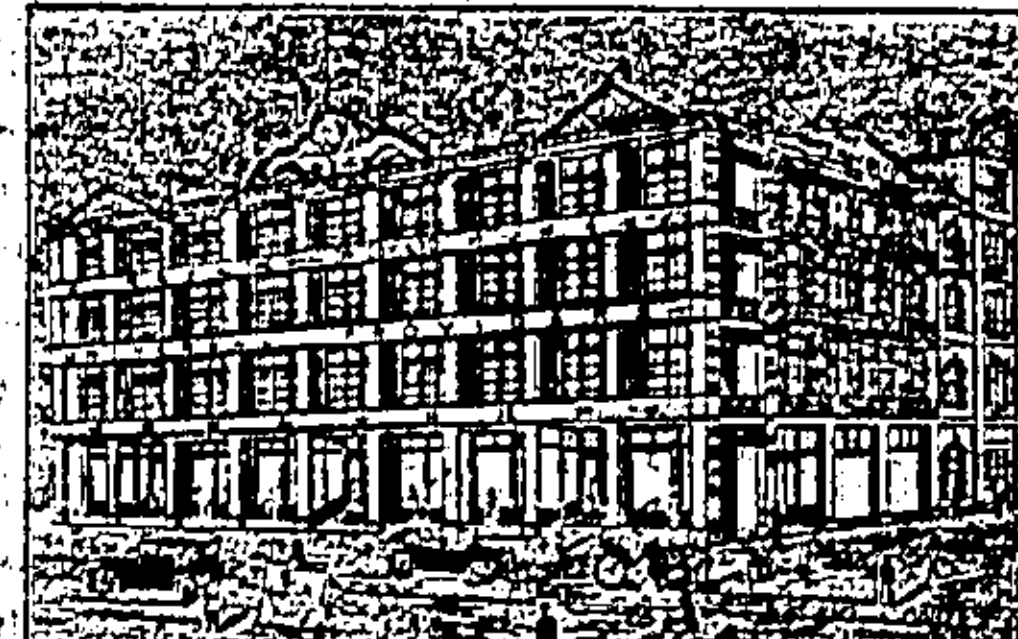
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